

CITY HALL RUINS. LARKEN STREET ON LEFT, MARKET STREET ON RIGHT

HOMELESS ONES
SOAKED BY RAIN

Night of Intense Suffering Put
in by the Refugees Camped
in the Parks.

MANY ARE WITHOUT TENTS

CHILL WIND ADDED TO THE DIS-
COMFORT.

San Francisco, April 27.—Many of San Francisco's homeless people camped in the parks, squares and vacant lots were awakened early this morning because of water dripping through improvised tents which afforded poor protection against the heavy rain that began to fall about 1 o'clock and continued for several hours. Drenched to the skin by the heavy downpour, and with bedding thoroughly soaked, many persons were driven in nearby houses for shelter.

Thousands Without Shelter.

Although the various camps were better prepared for the storm than for several days past, hundreds of tents having been received and put up since the last storm, still there are thousands who are without proper shelter and who shivered in their wet clothes last night, vainly trying to get warm after the rain ceased by walking, or were huddled around a little camp fire. The least distress and suffering was at the Presidio, where nearly all the refugees have been provided with tents by the quartermaster's department. A wagonload of ricks and shovels was furnished with which trenches were dug to carry off the water and the ground banked around the tents, making them comparatively comfortable.

Distress Was Great.

In Cow Hollow, near Harbor View, about 3,000 Italians from Telegraph and Russian hills, and a sprinkling of Chinese and Japanese, are camped. Few of them have been provided with tents, and there was much distress among the women and children, of whom there are many in the camp. A chill wind is blowing this morning and the difficulty of preparing warm food adds to the distress of the homeless, especially those who are floundering in the mud in the low bottoms.

In Lafayette and Hamilton squares comparatively few tents have been issued to those camped there, but the ground is high and the drainage good. Soldiers Acted Quickly.

Where the rain penetrated the improvised tents of blankets, quilts and like material, the soldiers took the women and children into houses in the vicinity. In many instances they gave up their own tents to shelter the suffering. Many tents have been provided at Jefferson square since the last rain, where several thousand are

camped. A few who were not adequately sheltered were taken into the large automobile garages in the vicinity and to the Lutheran church. In several instances people in houses refused to admit women and children in distress from the cold and rain, and the militia unceremoniously broke down the doors with the butts of their rifles.

Several thousand tents are enroute here and it is expected that within a few days fully 150,000 refugees will be comfortably housed.

NO CONCLUSION REACHED

Smoot Case Discussed by the Senate
Committee on Privileges
and Elections.

(Special to The Herald.)

Washington, April 27.—The senate committee on privileges and elections met today and took up the Smoot case, but reached no conclusion. It was decided to have another meeting of the committee on Tuesday next, when it is expected a full attendance of the committee may be secured. It is not expected that a decision will be reached in the case at this meeting, but it is hoped there will be a discussion which will lead to definite action at this meeting of the committee. It is asserted today that Senator Depew has not notified the committee that his vote shall be counted against Smoot. It is also asserted that Senator Bailey has agreed to allow the question of exclusion or expulsion to go to the senate, and will join the anti-Smoot members of the committee. In a report against Smoot without indicating the action to be taken as to the method to be pursued in unseating him. Members of the committee who attended today's meeting were all the Democrats, and Senators Burrows, Foraker and Beveridge, Republicans.

LOSS OF LIFE 300.

Washington, April 27.—Secretary of War Taft has wired the president a complete summary of the San Francisco situation. He thinks the loss of life will not exceed 300, the injured being about 1,000. The loss to government buildings is not so heavy as the early reports indicated. Secretary Taft says that the industrial and commercial losses are appalling.

ROBBERS STEAL A SAFE.

Columbus, O., April 27.—Robbers entered the general store of Becker Bros. last night, removed the safe weighing 1,000 pounds, rolled it along a road three blocks away, pried it open and took \$500 and a certified check for \$2,000.

"SCOTTY" GETS AWAY.

San Bernardino, Cal., April 27.—All charges against Walter Scott ("Scotty") were dismissed this morning in the superior court from lack of jurisdiction. It was proved that the scene of the alleged ambush and shooting was in Inyo county.

ANARCHISTS IN IT.

Lens, France, April 27.—The investigating magistrate here today discovered documentary evidence connecting the arrested ringleaders in the strike disturbances with well-known anarchists. Directors of the various mining companies of the Pas de Calais district will meet the miners tomorrow, when it is believed that a settlement of the troubles will be reached.

EASILY RESTORE
BIG BUILDINGS

Expert Makes Interesting Observations on Expense of
Renewing Structures.

COST WILL NOT BE GREAT

DETAILED REPORT MADE BY
CARL LEONARDT.

Carl Leonardt, an expert on fireproof buildings, has visited San Francisco since the fire and has made a report which is being sent out by the California Fruit Growers' association of Los Angeles. He says:

"From the point of view of the architect and builder, my trip to San Francisco was one of absorbing interest. All of my investigations confirmed me in my convictions of the absolute safety of the modern steel structure. The prevailing type of fireproof building in San Francisco is the steel frame, with concrete or concrete floors, or expanded metal floors and walls. That will be the type of building, undoubtedly, in the restored city.

"Reinforced concrete, such as we have in Los Angeles, would stand the test just as well in every particular, but the materials and labor supply in San Francisco favor the former. All of the big modern buildings I found little damaged, and capable of being restored immediately and at comparatively little cost.

"Perhaps the greatest popular interest centers about the Call building. I examined that first of all. It is perfectly sound and safe. The damage was done through flames soaring up through the elevator shaft and communicating through the heat to the offices, where the furniture and window casings were burned. I will guarantee to restore it entire within two months for \$75,000.

"Unnecessary Dynamiting. The Monadnock building? The dynamiting of that magnificent building was one of the most absurd and ridiculous features of the whole fire. It helped build that building myself, and I know what it was. But they couldn't destroy it even by dynamiting. The building is still in perfect condition. In construction it is the same type as the H. W. Hellman building in this city, and would stand against all earthquakes and fires. It can be restored for \$25,000.

"The Merchants' Exchange building was little damaged save for the interior finishing, but it is a huge building and to restore it completely would cost about \$125,000.

"The Haystack building, fourteen stories high, is a magnificent example of the fine way in which these big things stood the test. In many of its offices not even the furniture was injured, although it was directly in the path of the fire. It can be restored for \$25,000.

"The Fairmont hotel, contrary to universal report, was little damaged except where the flames spoiled the granite and the huge columns. The damage ought not to exceed \$25,000.

"But the mansions on the hill about it—the Flood, Fair, Crocker and Towne residences—are nothing but a mass of ruins.

"The St. Francis hotel stood the test well. The furniture caused a considerable fire to rage within its walls, but the building ought to be restored for \$75,000.

Easily Restore Flood Building.

"The Flood building, which experts thought of too heavy a construction at the time of its erection, justified the cleverness of its architects. It can be restored in a very short time at a cost of about \$150,000.

"In the Union Trust company not even the paint on the walls is injured, the safes, vaults and the structure are all right. The damage will not exceed \$50,000.

"The Crocker building is in fine condition, although it stands on Market street, right across from the Palace hotel, and in the very pathway of the flames. Among some of the upper offices not even the furniture is damaged. The damage will be about \$75,000.

"So well did the Market Street bank stand the fury of the flames that it could be opened today with little more than the restoration of the glass and frames of the windows.

"The great Kohl building is another magnificent evidence of the endurance of these structures. I would say that the damage to this building would not exceed \$10,000.

"With the possible exception of the Call building, which apparently ignites from within, probably none of the other fireproof buildings would have been injured save for having been surrounded on all sides by these flimsy firetraps.

"I wish to be understood in giving the above figures as making an estimate merely from what examinations I could of the buildings, but I am as-

sured they are in the main correct and ought to demonstrate to the public that the loss to the fireproof buildings is comparatively very light."

DISPUTE WITH TURKEY.

London, April 27.—The cabinet today lengthily considered the dispute with Turkey regarding the Tarbakh boundary and resolved to dispatch the second class cruiser Minerva to El Arish, with instructions to investigate the report that the Turks have removed the frontier pillars at Rafah and El Arish.

The negotiations continue with Constantinople, but today's cabinet meeting showed that the British government is unalterably determined to enforce the withdrawal of the Turkish troops from Egyptian territory.

THE DREAM CAME TRUE.

(Washington Post.)

"You may have your dreams that result from the weed of the 'Chink,' from the injection of morphine or the sniff of 'cokes' or other 'dope,'" said a patrolman of the Third precinct station house, "but not for mine. Give me the dream that comes from a good sleep after a hard day's work. Then when I 'pipe a pipe' I get up in the morning ready to see what the dream had foretold come true.

"My reason for this? Well, I'll tell you. Two years ago I dreamed I was walking along a railroad track built on the side of a mountain. I looked up the mountain side and saw a large rock falling with increasing momentum.

"Realizing that it would be impossible for me to escape by running along the track, I, without a moment's hesitation, leaped down the mountain side. I struck on the rocks, thirty feet below, badly injured my neck. In my dream I seemed to lie there a long time, but in reality I was unconscious for some time. When I awoke I was on the ground for many weeks before I was able to get up and go home. Then I saw the dream.

"In the morning, in speaking to my wife of the dream, I told her she might expect to have me brought home badly injured as I had a premonition that the dream in some way would come true.

"I left the house and rode down the street on my wheel. When I came to Sixteenth street northwest, I saw a horse struggling in a cave. After extricating the animal, I saw he had been standing on an old-fashioned coffin, similar to the one I had seen in my dream.

"When I realized part of my dream had come true, a sickening feeling came over me. I shook the feeling off and continued down the street.

"At Connecticut avenue, an automobile passed me, at a rate of speed far in excess of that allowed. I gave chase and nearly caught up, when my 'bike' gave away at the fork. I was thrown and landing on my neck, became unconscious.

"My dream had come true. When I awoke, my neck was badly wounded, was in a plaster case, and I was unable to move a muscle. I lay in bed for six long weeks before I was able to turn my neck.

"Since then I have been a fatalist. And now, when I dream anything is to happen, I get up, ready to meet the fate decreed in my dreams."

PIPE COLD AIR FROM WELLS.

(Helena, Mont., Cor. New York Sun.)

The town of Thompson Falls, in Missoula county, has a strange system of cold storage. In the hottest time of summer it is possible to keep living rooms at a temperature of 55 degrees; and butter, eggs and meat are kept cool and fresh without the least trouble. The best part of the cold storage system is that it costs absolutely nothing after the plant has been installed.

Thompson Falls has a large number of wells that furnish cold, fresh air, which reaches upward all summer long. The wells are dug for water, but the supply of cold air is as important.

The wells of Thompson Falls are a little more than sixty feet deep. The water veins are found in a gravel formation and are doubtless fed by the mountain snows at some distant place. The gravel is porous enough to admit of a freely moving current of air, which during the summer time pushes upward in currents strong enough to snuff out a match held over the wells.

The utility of the cold air currents was first observed in 1901, when the Thompson Falls Mercantile company used the cool air to keep butter, eggs and meat in large quantities. The air can be piped in summer to rooms of houses.

The wells are covered over tightly at the top, and large pipes tap the current a few feet below the surface of the ground. These pipes conduct the air to different rooms in nearby buildings.

For cold storage plants a house is built above the well and the air rushes upward continuously, keeping the temperature at an unvarying point.

HE HAS THE GRIP.

(Denver Post.)

When a fellow tries hard to tell you that hard times are on the way. When just knocks make up his answers to whatever you may say. And when each complaint is followed by a cuss word or two. Simply smile and let him grumble. For the fellow has the grip.

That's the way you'll always find him when his back begins to ache. When his ears begin to ring. And his knees begin to shake. Then it is he'll swear the devil has this old world by the hind; Simply smile and let him grumble. For the fellow has the grip.

THE GAPON MYSTERY.

St. Petersburg, April 28.—The Father Gapon mystery has been further complicated by the receipt Friday by the ex-priest's lawyer, Margolin, of Father Gapon's portfolio containing important papers and the key to a box in deposit vaults. The portfolio was mailed at Berlin, the address being written in a disguised hand. No letter of explanation accompanied it. The enemies of Father Gapon claim that the situation was becoming too hot for him and that he planned a spectacular disappearance.

WITHDRAWN FROM ENTRY.

Washington, April 27.—The secretary of the interior has temporarily withdrawn from all forms of entry and disposal for forestry purposes, 174,000 acres of land in the Salt Lake district, Utah, situated immediately south and east of the Rio Grande Western railway, embracing a portion of the Sevier plateau, and has restored to the public domain in Nevada 15,000 acres, heretofore withdrawn, situated in the valley of the Ruby range of mountains.

ALL BECOME LAWS.

Albany, N. Y., April 27.—All of the nine bills of the special insurance investigating committee are now state laws. Governor Higgins today signed the bill generally amending the insurance law, and earlier in the day signed the so-called anti-perjury bill.

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